

STATE OF MAINE

ANDROSCOGGIN, SS.

February 18, 2015
Regular Meeting 5:15 P.M.

Commissioner Bell called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Beth Bell, Chair
Elaine Makas, Commissioner
Sally Christner, Commissioner
Matthew Roy, Commissioner
Randall Greenwood, Commissioner
Alfreda Fournier, Commissioner
Patricia Fournier, County Clerk
Bob Poulin, Treasurer
Jeff Chute, Jail Captain
Dick Clark, WGLT-TV7
Eric Samson, Sheriff
William Gagne, Chief Deputy
Steve Sherlock, Sun Journal

Absent from the meeting:
Ronald Chicoine, Commissioner

Motion: to accept and approve with a waiver of the reading of the minutes of February 4, 2015.
Makas-Roy 6-0

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll. Warrant #1505, 1505A. Corrections Division Warrant ##1560, 1560A. Requisitions #1138, 1139, 1150. Chemical Inventory Report with payment. Superior Court bill of cost/witnesses \$1,211.49.
Makas-Greenwood 6-0

Motion: to discuss correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson regarding Sheriff's and Chief's cell phones.
Greenwood, Makas

Motion: to accept correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson allowing both the Sheriff and the Chief to each receive a \$50.00 monthly stipend in lieu of usage of the County cell phones, saving the county \$362.64 per year.
Greenwood, Makas 6-0

Reports:

Commissioner Bell - Maine County Commissioners Association

We met last Wednesday in Augusta and discussed legislative matters, LD29-an act to establish the local option real estate transfer tax, LD83-an act to strengthen the consent laws for abortions performed on minors and incapacitated persons, LD234-an act to adjust appropriations and allocations from the general fund and other funds for the expenditures of state government for the fiscal year ending June 30, LD186, LD339-911, LD342-an act to reduce the e-911 surcharge. The upcoming convention will be on September 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Commissioner Makas - Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board

Currently, we are involved in regional workforce and economic planning activities: Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, Kennebec Valley Council of Governments – combining applicable contents of the CWMWIB 5-yr plan with their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

We also continue to provide oversight on the Disability Employment Initiative grant; Assistive Technology inventory has been completed in all Local Area three Career Centers; started providing monthly tips (via email) designed to increase awareness of how we all can better serve people with disabilities.

We are implementing the Job-Driven National Emergency Grant: two Ready2Work occupational training programs have recently begun and involve the health care industry in the Lewiston and Augusta areas. Students will earn a readiness certificate that is recognized and sought out by the health care industry and be guaranteed an interview by a host business (St. Mary's Health System and MaineGen). In return, employers reduce their recruitment time, cut their training costs; and gain better prepared workers.

Commissioner Makas - Safety Committee

No report.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Motion: to approve correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson, dated February 10, 2015 regarding Corrections Officer Joshua Abbott's resignation, effective Monday, March 9, 2015, with the request that Joshua Abbott remain as a reserve Corrections Officer, and that the position of Corrections Officer be posted and/or advertised as soon as possible.

Greenwood-Fournier 6-0

Motion: to approve correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson, dated February 11, 2015 requesting to hire reserve Corrections Officer Gregory Mailhot as a full-time Corrections Officer to replace Joseph McCarthy III, at \$14.35 per hour, (includes night shift differential), per the county's personnel officer, effective Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Makas-Fournier 6-0

Motion: to table correspondence from Sheriff Eric Samson, dated January 28, 2015, requesting that Assistant Jail Administrator Lieutenant Jeffrey Chute be promoted to the position of Jail Administrator to replace Captain John Lebel at \$1,154.41 per week, per the personnel

officer, effective Sunday, February 8, 2015. Note: this is being tabled to discuss at a future workshop.

Makas-Fournier 6-0

Sheriff Samson – Discussed information regarding jail issues: 1. Short-term finance (\$300,000 jail budget shortfall for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2015). 2. The long-term control (state or county). 3. Long-term finance.

Motion: to accept correspondence to Sheriff Samson, dated February 6, 2015, from Kevin Joyce, the Cumberland County Sheriff, regarding housing at the Cumberland County Jail.

Greenwood, Fournier 6-0

Motion: to remove the FY-15 EMA Quarterly Activity Report from the consent agenda.

Greenwood, Makas 6-0

Consent Agenda: to approve the consent agenda as presented:

To approve the Inventory List from the County Clerk.

To approve the EOC Inventory List from the EMA.

To approve the Sheriff Department's professional leave request for Robert Levesque to attend the EMD Quality Assurance Certificate course and for Jeffrey Chute, Martin Fournier, Eric Samson, William Gagne, Raymond Lafrance, and Glenn Holt to attend the Maine Sheriff's Conference.

To approve the Sheriff Department's January Civil Division Report.

To approve the Sheriff Department's 6 month evaluation of Robert Morin, Jr.

Makas-Roy 6-0

Motion: to table the FY-15 Quarterly Activity Report from the EMA.

Greenwood, Makas 6-0

Motion: to adjourn at 6:15p.m.

Patricia Fournier, County Clerk